

Subject: ALERT: County Vector reports increase in Tiger mosquito populations

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Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District



Friend --

While many of you will be enjoying the holiday weekend with loved ones and celebrating the start of Spring, I encourage you to add a mosquito egg hunt to the Easter festivities, and get rid of containers that may have them.

I just received word from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control that their office is getting calls from Silver Lake residents about Aedes (or tiger) mosquitoes. They are out, and biting.

The tiger mosquitoes have the potential to transmit exotic diseases such as dengue and chikungunya, and are considered major nuisances since they readily bite during the day and can affect many activities. Last year, I worked with Vector Control on [an educational community meeting](#) to advise Angelenos on how to protect their home and families.

One common thread found at each home is standing water, the use of rain barrels to capture water, or the utilization of sprinkler systems where the water is allowed to pool. The County is encouraging homeowners to take an inventory around your house to make sure there is no standing water. These mosquitoes lay eggs in containers with stagnant water, even in sources as small as a bottle cap.

Please help us prevent the infestation of the tiger mosquito. More information on the topic can be found [here](#).

Warm regards,

Mitch O'Farrell

COMING UP

SAT 3/26 [RE:CODE LA](#)

****MON 3/28 CESAR CHAVEZ DAY - CITY OFFICES CLOSED****

THURS 4/7 [LOS ANGELES SEISMIC RETROFIT RESOURCE FAIR](#)

SUN 4/10 [BIKE RIDE WITH LAPD](#)

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HEADLINES

City takes another step to allow Target project to resume [\[BEVERLY PRESS\]](#)

A crime-ridden street in Silver Lake has been sealed off [\[LA MAGAZINE\]](#)

Project Angel Food's 10 millionth meal [\[KTLA\]](#)

RECREATION AND PARKS SPRINGTIME FAMILY EVENTS

CITY HALL - Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) announced Wednesday several family-friendly springtime activities at city-owned facilities across the 13th Council District.

Each year, RAP hosts a variety of events during the spring season, ranging from a week-long camp to

egg hunts. The events include family friendly activities such as arts and crafts, games, face painting, and a special guest appearance by Bob the Bunny.

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HAPPY SPRING! O'FARRELL CELEBRATES SEASON WITH TREE PLANTING



SILVER LAKE - Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell celebrated the start of the Spring season and joined a crew from the Department of Recreation and Parks to plant five melaleuca trees at Bellevue Park. A constituent contacted the Councilmember's office to request a green buffer between the park and a nearby residential building, and we worked with staff at Bellevue to identify an area and plant the trees.

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TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE RESERVOIR STREET AND BENTON WAY

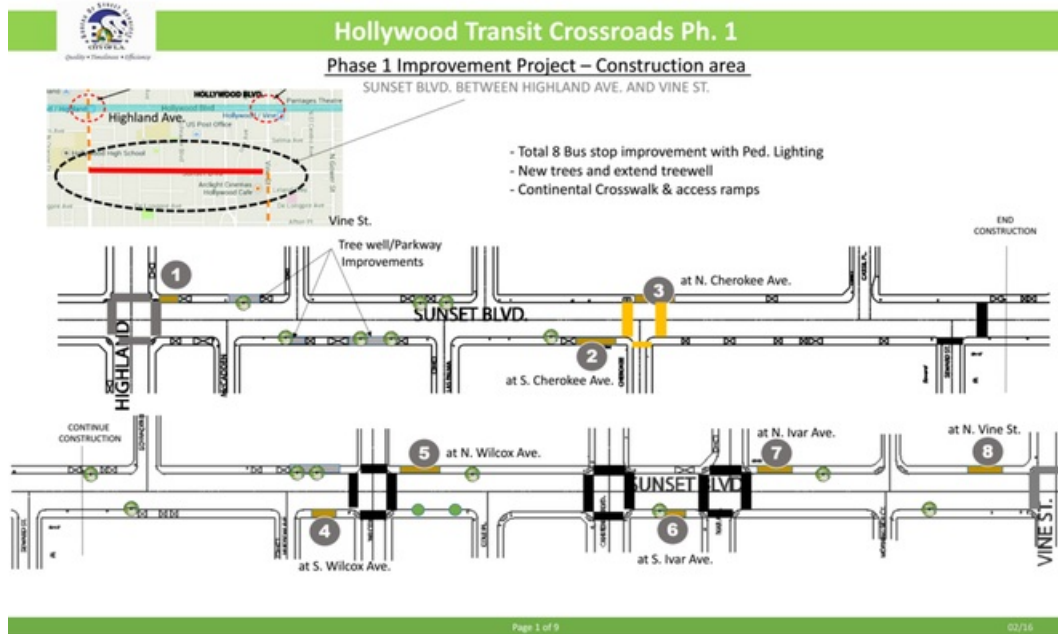


SILVER LAKE - The CD13 Clean Team is working weekly to improve the look of our neighborhoods. The Councilmember's Silver Lake Field Deputy requested a clean up on Reservoir St at N. Benton Way. The

crew removed weeds and palm fronds, and instantly enhanced the look and feel of the street! See an area that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in my Echo Park office at 213-207-3015.

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O'FARRELL, BUREAU OF ENGINEERING ANNOUNCE HOLLYWOOD TRANSIT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS



HOLLYWOOD - The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services unveiled the proposed plans for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Hollywood Transit Crossroads project. The project aims to make transit- and pedestrian-related improvements in Hollywood, in two phases: Highland Avenue (between Franklin and Sunset), Vine Street (between Sunset and Fountain), and Sunset Boulevard (between Highland and Vine). The improvements include sidewalk repair, crosswalks, tree trimming, and lighting.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne Kim, Landscape Architect Associate, at 213.847.0962.

[SEE THE PROPOSED PLANS](#)

O'FARRELL HONORS SOCORRO CALLEJAS AS CD13 PIONEER WOMAN



CITY HALL -- Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell shined the Council spotlight on Hollywood's Socorro Callejas and honored her with the prestigious *Pioneer Woman of the Year* recognition.

For 26 years, the Pioneer Woman of the Year award has been presented to extraordinary women whose lifelong work has advanced the status of women and girls in the city of Los Angeles.

"Socorro's energy, passion, and professionalism has enabled her to take on the many projects which have been of tremendous benefit to the community, families and children in the 13th District," said Councilmember O'Farrell.

Callejas has been an advocate for reducing crime and graffiti in her neighborhood, helped establish a community center, and has been a vocal supporter for more affordable housing in Hollywood.

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

ECHO PARK [City, County, School District leaders dedicate new senior center](#)

DISTRICT WIDE: [O'Farrell encourages constituents to participate in Neighborhood Council elections](#)

DISTRICT WIDE: [O'Farrell, Board of Public Works announce call for artists for streetlight project](#)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



HOLLYWOOD - Councilmember O'Farrell Project celebrated a remarkable milestone with Project Angel Food and helped deliver its 10 millionth meal! The CD13-based organization specializes in preparing meals for the critically ill.

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